

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Hungerford House Inventory Number: WO-578
Address: Assateague Island, Maryland City: _____ Zip Code: 21811
County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Tingles Island, MD
Owner: United States of America Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Hunting Lodge & Retention Properties US Department of the Interior,
Agency: National Park Service
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes X no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ___yes Eligible district ___yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes X no

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, MD & VA. Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Physical Description of Structures: The Hungerford House was constructed in 1953, and upgraded with the addition of a new wing on the west side of the original structure in 1960. The building is a one-story frame cottage on wood pilings with three rooms and a bath, plus an enclosed 7' x 12' front porch. Interior area is approximately 570 square feet. The exterior of the cottage is clapboard, with an asphalt shingle roof. The cottage was rehabilitated in 2006 and is currently being intermittently used by the National Park Service as short-term housing.

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Date Prepared: 3/28/2012

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Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments: _____

Jonathan Bay
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/8/12
Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

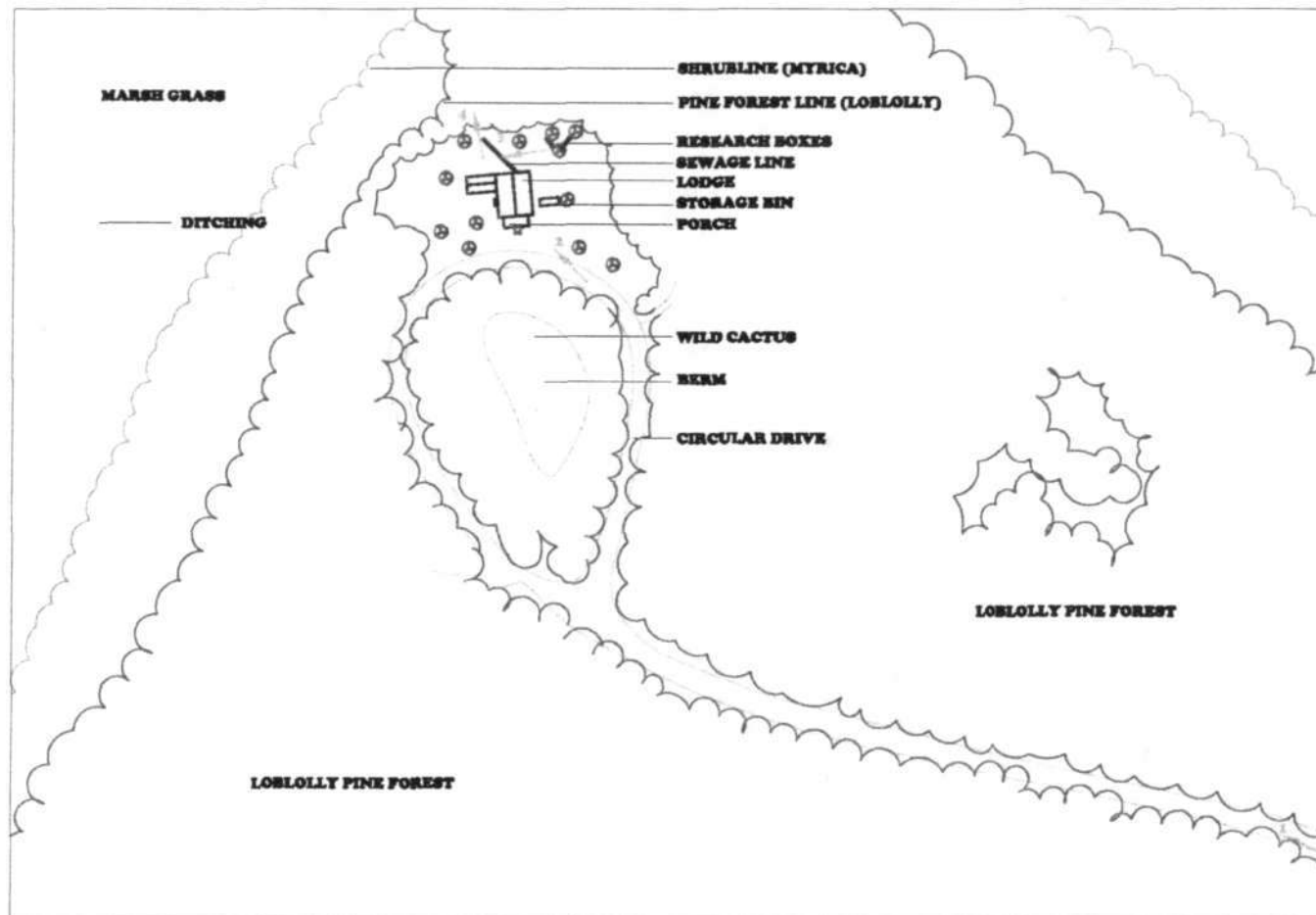
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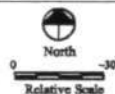
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Existing Conditions Map



SOURCES:
1997 Aerial photography
Field observation

SHRUB/TREE LINE EVERGREEN BUILDING
SHORELINE POST OR POLE PHOTOGRAPH DIRECTION & NUMBER



**HUNGERFORD LODGE
EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP**
Hunting Lodge Properties Study-Assateague Island National Seashore
National Park Service-Philadelphia Support Office
August 2000

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Continuation Sheet No. 2

Brief History**Hungerford's** (formally called Mike and Bill's Place when owned by the Lynch's) (circa 1953 with 1960 addition)

In 1968 Churchill Hungerford described his property as the "Finest goose shooting area on the entire Assateague Island." In 1969 Hungerford stated, "the marshland area now owned by us is one of the finest goose hunting sections on the ocean side of Maryland . . . land abuts High Winds . . ." One account claims Hungerford's was used as a private hunting club with some summer visitation. An appraisal dated March 1, 1968, states that, "This property is used by the owners as a weekend, summer home and winter hunting lodge . . ." Deed between the Hungerford's and United States of America dated February 20, 1970, states that the "tracts are used for non-commercial residential purposes and for hunting . . ." and those purposes were granted in a ten year right of retention.

Part of what is now called Hungerford's was owned by Ocean Beach Land and Improvement Co. (OBLIC) prior to 1949. OBLIC sold part of this holding to William H. Lynch and Charles E. Lynch in 1949. It became known as "Mike and Bill's Place." The Lynch's sold part of their property to Churchill Hungerford, Jr. and David M. Hungerford in 1952. In 1955 David and his wife Nelvi E. Hungerford conveyed their interest to Churchill Hungerford, Jr. Churchill conveyed his interest to Mabel R. Hungerford, his wife, in 1958. The Hungerfords sold the property to the US Government in 1970 with a ten-year retention of rights. The property consisted of 52.04 acres and a wood frame cottage built on treated wood pilings. In 1972 there were three hunting blinds on the property. About the same time the access road was covered with Liberty Ship hatch covers. The lodge was described in 1968 as a one-story frame cottage "15 & 8 years" approximate age or built in 1953 with an addition in 1960. This property is used by the National Park Service as a research quarters.

Mabel Hungerford was noted for decorating a living cedar tree near the beach with painted shells bows and ribbons each Christmas. She also hunted with her husband.

Excerpted from:

Eschelman, R.E. and P.A. Russell. 2004. *Historic Context Study of Waterfowl Hunting Camps and Related Properties within Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland and Virginia*. National Park Service, Berlin, MD.

Eligibility Recommendation

The Hungerford House property was a private, non-membership residence where waterfowl hunting was conducted on an intermittent recurring basis along with other recreational uses. While the property is associated with the historic context of commercial and recreational hunting on Assateague Island, it lacks key attributes needed to acquire significance. The property has no known relationship with significant persons and, while used for hunting, did not play a significant role in the history of hunting on Assateague during the period of use. Other than the house itself, the property is missing many of the features that are normally associated with hunting camps on Assateague Island, such as boating facilities, dog kennels, or decoy sheds. Perhaps more importantly, the house is situated in a woodland setting without a view of the water or bay side marshes and, as such, does not share the characteristic landscape setting of other hunting properties on the island. Because the design, construction, and use of materials are commonplace, the residence has no potential to yield important information about human history. For these reasons, the Hungerford House property is considered to be without historical significance and therefore **ineligible** for the National Register of Historic Places.

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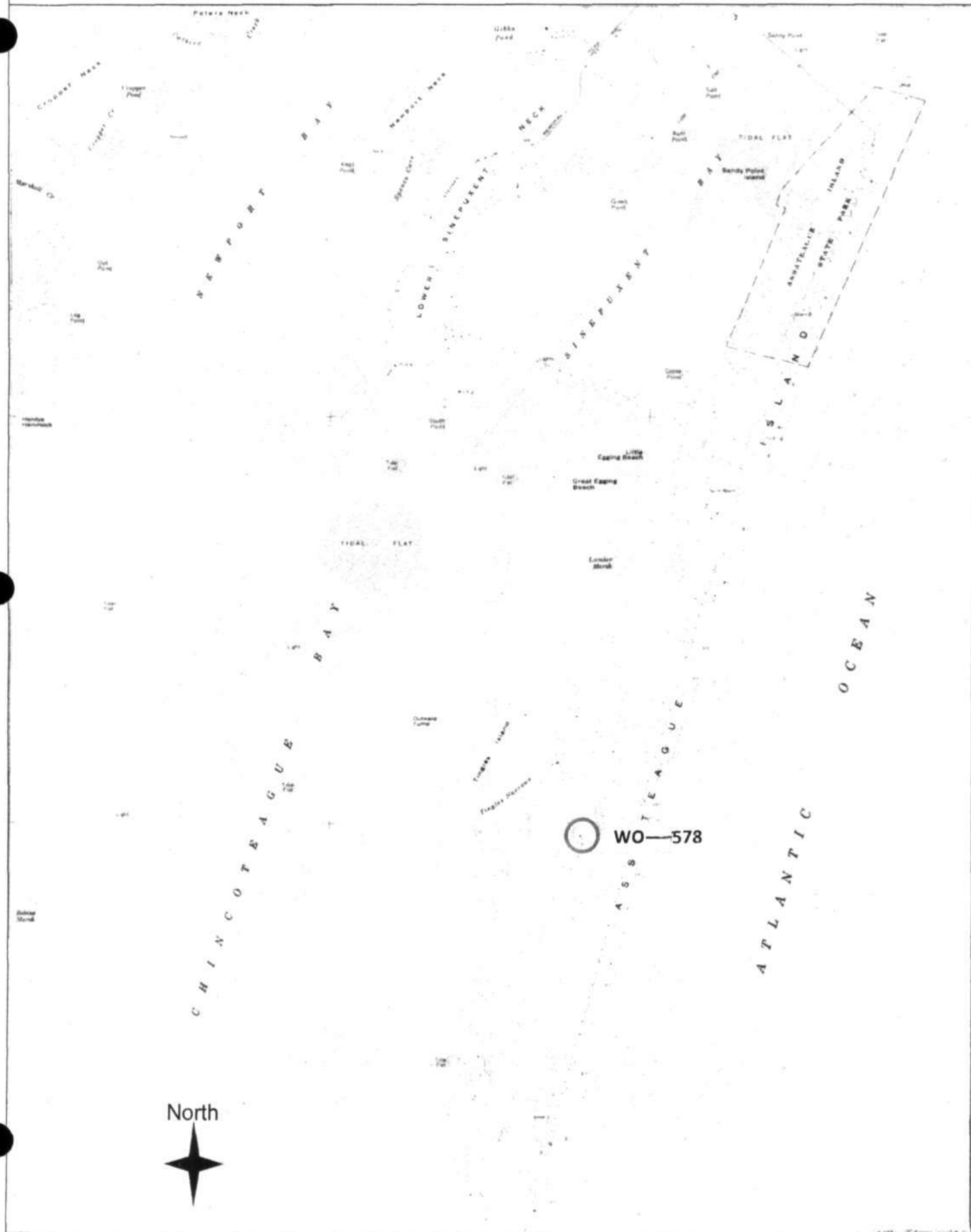
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Assateague Island, Worcester County, Maryland

USGS Topographic Quadrangle - Tingles Island



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Photograph Log

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South side of Hungerford House with
front porch and main entrance

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South and East sides of House

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View of House From the South East

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North side of House

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